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	10/074,651	LANGE ET AL.
	Examiner Patrick H. Mackey	Art Unit 3651

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ . |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) <u>9</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 11/6/2003 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-8 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richter (US 4,974,822) in view of Seragnoli. Richter discloses a folder (1), with first (3) and second (4) drawing arrangements, that includes a cross-cutting arrangement having a cutting blade, a collecting cylinder (10), a belt and tongue product directing arrangement (7, 13), and accelerating and tearing-off cams (8, 9). Regarding claims 3 and 4, the examiner notes that since the entire web is worked on by the tearing-off cams, the claimed regions of the web are as well. Richter discloses all the limitations of the claims, but it does not specifically disclose that the cutting blade has a plurality of recesses functioning to leave residual crosspieces in the feeding web strand by which the product remains connected to the feeding web strand and Richter does not disclose a third drawing arrangement between the cutter and the accelerating cams operable at the speed of the first and second drawing arrangements.

- a. However Seragnoli discloses a similar device that includes a cutting blade that has a plurality of recesses functioning to leave residual crosspieces in the feeding web strand by which the product remains connected to the feeding web strand for the purpose of strengthening the web and preventing the cut sheets from curling prior to processing.

b. Additionally, Seragnoli discloses a similar cross-cutting device that includes a drawing arrangement (16, 17) between a cutter (12,13) and accelerating cams (18, 19) operable at the speed of a drawing arrangement above the cutter for the purpose of stabilizing the pre-cut web for tearing (see col. 4, lines 6-64). It would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to modify Richter by utilizing a third drawing arrangement between the cutter and the accelerating cams operable at the speed of the first and second drawing arrangements, as disclosed by Seragnoli, for the purpose of stabilizing the pre-cut web for tearing.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
5. Regarding the rejection applied to claim 6, the applicant stated that there would be no motivation to combine Richter and Seragnoli. In response, see 3a and 3b above.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick H. Mackey whose telephone number is (703) 308-0630. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Ellis can be reached on (703) 308-2560. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7687.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.



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December 19, 2003